

THE PLAGUE.

BY WIL. S. BATES.
Land of the Sunny South,
Foul is thy breath,
Sweeping its victims
Onward to death.
Holding high carnival,
Burns on the breeze
Dancing like madmen,
Death and disease.

God help the people,
Bowed in their grief
O, be thou merciful,
Give them relief.
All they can hope for
Comes from on high;
Angels, O pity them—
See how they die.

Heaven! be merciful
Ere all are lost;
God! how they've suffered!
O send them a frost.
Dying, O kiss them,
And out of thy mouth
Speak to them—pity them,
God help the South.

Something Better than Beauty.

BY MRS. E. E. ROBINSON.
[A Selection by Pretty Pattie.]
There is an old, but not very elegant saying, that "pretty is what pretty does." There are a great many very pretty girls in the world—girls with rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes, golden hair and graceful forms. So far as mere outside beauty is concerned, these girls are pretty; and, unfortunately for themselves, they are content with mere physical loveliness, depending on this, and this alone, to attract.

"A thing of beauty," says Keats, "is a joy forever." It is always pleasant to look at a pretty girl or a handsome woman. "Beauty draws us by a single hair," declares another poet—a declaration all men know to be true.

Beauty attracts, while ugliness repels. "Beauty wins without an effort," says another writer, and a poetess thus sings:
"Would that I were beautiful,
Though fragile as a flower;
To weave the spell that beauty weaves,
And own its magic power."

But, girls, let me tell you this, that although beauty attracts, unless accompanied by other qualities it does not retain. Your pretty face may win a man's love, but it can not keep it. Your face may possess the shining glory of a seraph; you may look like

"An angel newly dressed, save wings, for heaven;" but if the dark cloud of anger rests upon your white brow, or peevishness shadows your smiles, your beauty is shorn of its attractions, and you are positively ugly.

There is not one man in a million who would rather have a pretty wife than an amiable one. A gentle, conciliating, amiable, uncomplaining woman is a pearl beyond price—a pearl well worth the diving for. How she smooths the rugged ways of life; how she plucks the thorns away from our path; how she scatters the clouds by the genial influence of her sunshine. In the presence of her sweet placidity our stormy natures are rebuked; the calm of her gentle spirit falls upon our heart like dew from heaven.

Girls, believe me when I tell you this: Many a man has been driven to the intoxicating bowl by the demon of temper that raged at home. Many a child has abandoned the parental roof because of this same demoniac agency. I could tell you of lives blighted by a woman's temper; of hearts shadowed; of homes desolated. Woe to the home where the mother is petulant, fault-finding, passionate! Woe to the home where the sister is peevish, discontented, complaining! Misery sits enthroned there, and unhappiness shadows all its pleasant places. What man is mad enough to prize a pretty face above an amiable temper? Do you know one? For I do not. Do not imagine, girls, that your pretty face will stand you in the place of amiability. Pretty faces don't make pleasant homes, nor fill a husband's heart with serene joy. It takes more than this; it takes gentleness, amiability, kindness, a spirit that remains firm amid the trials and vexations of life.

Three men entered the Concordia Savings bank, in Sedalia, Lafayette county, Mo. One placed his hand over the cashier's mouth, with a pistol to his head; the others proceeded to gather up the money in sight; this done, they had the cashier to open the safe. They gathered between three and four thousand dollars, then rode off.

A young man by the name of Craigmeier, at Ohio Furnace at Ironton, Mo., struck a man by the name of Burk on the head with a piece of pig iron, killing him instantly.

Samuel T. Stephens, of Salina, Cal., feeling a little bad over money matters, by way of relief, murdered his daughter by cutting her throat, then took strychnine, this failing to act properly he shot himself through the head.

Steve Lucas, of Col., was found dead in a field near Georgetown one day last week. He had been stabbed to the heart.

Mr. W. C. McCord, of Birmingham, Marshall county, went to church at night returned in usual health, and was a corpse before ten o'clock.

Space will be always cheerfully given in these columns to letters from those holding adverse opinions to us. We mean sensible, non-personal, argumentative letters.

We like the Frankfort Yeoman. It is Democratic, it is consistent, it is reliable, it is honest, it is true, it is able.

The boiler of a steam-thresher near Lexington, Minn., exploded on the 28th Aug., and killed four men, and seriously injured a boy.

We were very much amused at one of our young men at the rehearsal last night singing with all of his soul, and his note book bottom upwards.

The Democrats of Ohio county are holding up Prof. W. B. Hayward for Superintendent of Public Instruction. He is a very talented man and has the scholarship and experience to fit him for the position.

Union county instructs for McKenlie for Congress. This secures his nomination.

Hon John W. Caldwell was nominated in the Third Congressional District by re-nomination. The Republicans will be apt to trot out a horse against him.

Farming as a Vocation.

There is not so much in a calling, as in the management of it. A man may grow rich from the farm, as well as from merchandize, the law or the bank. Right economy is a part of success; the farmers can do this in as many ways as any class of business men in the world.

The farmers of this State, a great many of them at least, fall in bringing all of their force or means into requisition. It is nothing unusual in this country for a farmer to own and pay taxes on 200 acres of land, and not more than half of it in cultivation, frequently not more than one-third.

With this third part he must support his family and pay taxes on the other two-thirds. Why not bring every acre into cultivation. If a man has six hands on his farm and only works two to support the whole, he will soon see the result.

Never consider it a waste of time when you plant fruit trees. Never consider time lost when you set and cultivate choice grapes; you can plant and cultivate trees and vines where, and when you can neither corn or tobacco. We say cultivate because a true or vine needs cultivation as well as anything we plant. Never consider your time lost when you are ridding your fields of brambles, nothing adds more to the appearance of a farm, than fields and fence-rows clear of fifth. One way to do this is to set your farm in grass, do this for three good reasons.

First. In this undulating country if your fields are not protected with a sod of some sort the soil will wash off into the sink. Many valuable farms become worthless in a few years by this process; you waste your strength and capital when you impoverish your lands.

Second. This process improves your grounds and is remunerative as well. It is an erroneous idea that cultivating soil wears it out, that is the abuse of it. There are lands in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland that have been in cultivation for hundreds of years, that are as good now as when cleared.

Third. This is the most comfortable way of farming.

In the Eastern States and in the upper part of this State the wood land is brought into requisition. This is done by clearing out the undergrowth and setting the land in grass. In Boyd, Fayette and Scott counties the wood lands are good pastures. In this way we might bring every acre of land into service and every inch would bring something into the treasury.

Breckenridge county is cursed with tobacco. Wheat is more remunerative to ground, man and beast, and now is the time to sow. Our observations on this crop is, we fail frequently because of late sowing and a want of preparation. Wheat needs but little cultivation, but wants that in a very thorough manner. If the ground is ploughed and pulverized well, the seed put in by the 20th of September, we would scarcely ever have a failure in this crop.

A farmer should raise everything he needs and everything the country wants, then we would have a wealthy country. Our money would stay in our midst. This is one reason of our pressure in money matters, we don't keep our money at home. This is better than any legislation to keep off hard times, grow what you consume, invest your surplus at home and hard times can never harm us. We make money enough in this country to make everything and everybody easy, but the difficulty with us, as with all tobacco growing countries, it don't stay at home.

Do you ask, why all this talk to farmers? Because wealthy farmers make a wealthy and easy community. Impoverish them and you paralyze society.

MARRIED.
Aug. 27th, by Rev. T. A. Robertson, Prof. J. A. Smart to Miss A. Beckery.

Sept. 2nd, by the Rev. J. L. Edington, Mr. J. J. Edwards to Miss Alice Gregory, all of Cloverport, Ky.

Sept. 6th, 1878, by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Lambuth, Mr. Wm. K. Barnes, present Commonwealth's Attorney of Breckenridge county, to Miss Lucy E. Gardner, all of Hardinsburg, Ky.

DIED.
LENA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reidel, Sept. 4th, 1878. Age one year and ten months. "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Miss Sadie, daughter of Dr. B. H. Hobbs, of Owensboro, died at her father's residence Sept. 4th.

PETER B. son of U. S. and Mary Smith, died of diphtheria Sept. 6th, age three years.

Miss ALICE PAYNE, daughter of L. H. and Elizabeth Payne, departed this life Sept. 10th, 1878, at 5 o'clock P. M., aged 13 years. Was baptized into the membership of Lost Run church by Elder C. M. Buchanan in August, 1877, and lived a consistent member up to the hour of her death. When she left this world she died happy, clapping her hands for joy.

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My 11, 21, 17, 29, 29, 33, 33, 7, 34, 3, 27, 31, 29, 16, 2, 25, loved the truth.

My 22, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, is a well known garden plant.

My 6, 13, 24, is an insect.

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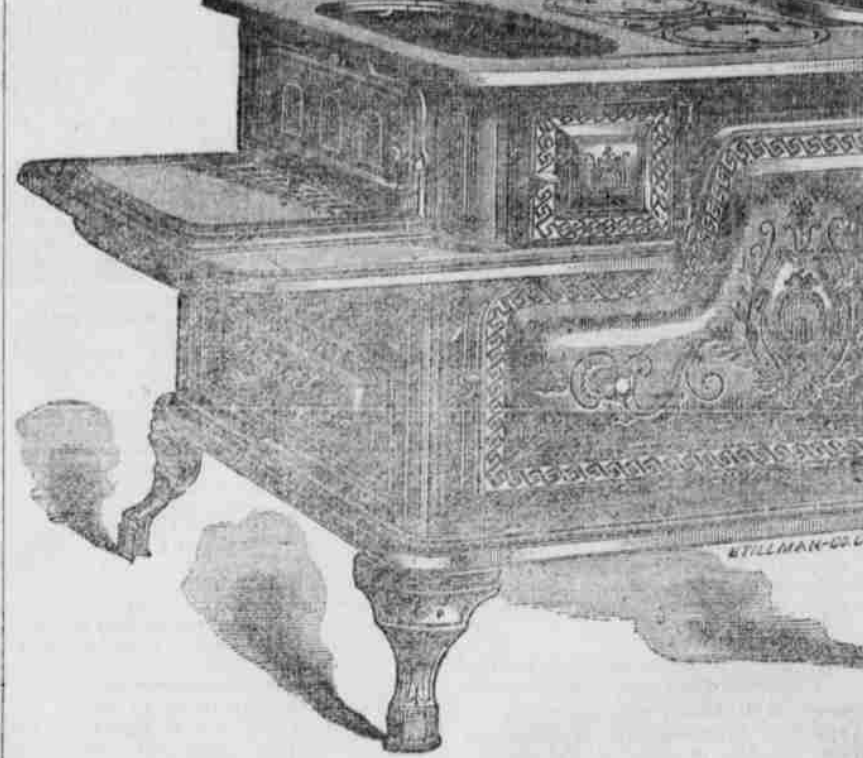
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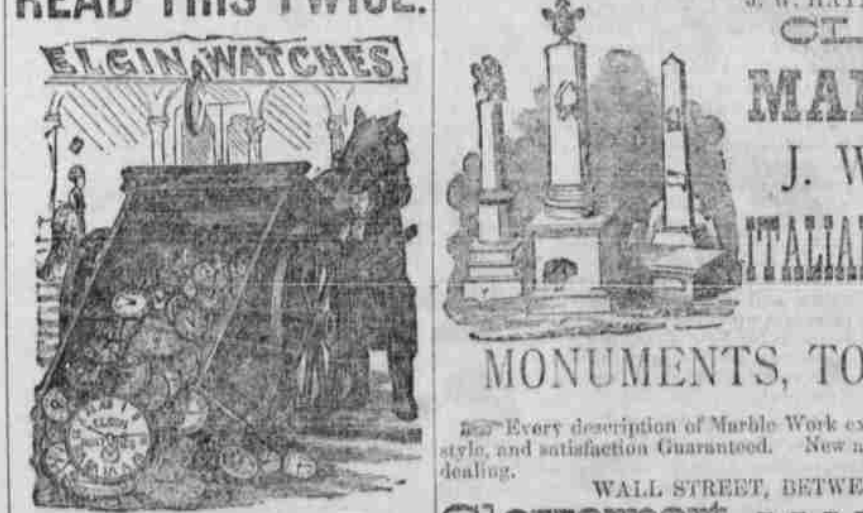
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